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1. The following were present:

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Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
*Mr. Minegue	Army
Lt. Stallings	Navy
Lt. Madden	Navy
Lt. Col. Bush	Air Force
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2. NIS Requirements of Non-IAC Agencies

Copies of a letter from the Department of Agriculture concerning the need of that Department for the continued receipt of NIS were distributed to the members. Dissemination of certain specifically designated NIS elements to the Department of Agriculture is presently authorized under IAC D-45/12, and the letter was submitted in response to a request that Agriculture show justification for the continued receipt of the NIS on a "need to know" basis. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 150, 12 May 1953). Members were requested to advise the Chairman if any of the letters of justification being received from the Non-IAC agencies did not meet the requirements of their respective agencies.

3. Production Schedule for FY 1955

The Committee discussed the preparation of the tentative FY 1955 NIS Production Schedule. State and Navy proposals for this schedule have been received in D/B, and the Army and Air Force members agreed to submit their proposals for the schedule on or before 25 September 1953. On receipt of all proposals D/B will prepare a consolidated schedule and submit it for the consideration of the Committee.

Members were furnished copies of a tabulation showing the percentage of completion of the NIS on those areas in which production has been undertaken,

together with a listing of elements still outstanding in the highest priority groups which have not been scheduled for FY 1954. It was requested that as many of these outstanding elements as possible be included in the proposals for the tentative FY 1955 schedule.

4. NIS Supplement IV (Urban Areas)

A report was requested from the Army member on the status of the study being conducted to determine the capabilities of the Corps of Engineers for producing NIS Supplements IV (Urban Areas) to meet certain CIA requirements. (Refer to NIS Committee Meetings Nos. 150, 151, and 153, dated 12 May 1953, 4 June 1953, and 11 August 1953, respectively).

The Army member introduced Mr. Minogue, G-2, Army, to explain certain problems encountered in this study which would require resolution before a definite answer could be given. He reported that the Corps of Engineers had considered the detailed list of requirements submitted by CIA and questioned the propriety of treating some of the items in the NIS Supplement on Urban Areas. The Engineers are now proposing a new Outline and Outline Guide for NIS Supplement IV in which these items have been omitted. Copies of the proposed new Outline and Guide are being distributed to the members of the NIS Committee for study, and adoption by the Committee after reconciliation of any divergent views developing from the study. The Army member informed the Committee that the Corps of Engineers would not be in a position to advise on their capabilities for producing Supplements IV until it is known whether or not the proposed new treatment satisfies CIA requirements, and is acceptable to the NIS Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that after the members had completed their study of the proposed revisions that matter would again be brought up on the Committee for further discussion.

5. Proposed Division of Chapters IV and V on NIS 43 (Indochina)

The State proposal that NIS Area No. 43 (Indochina) be divided into three areas, viz., Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, for purposes of NIS production of Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political) was brought up for discussion. After considering all facts bearing on the matter it was the consensus of the Committee that production of these chapters should be in conformity with the Standard Instructions which requires treatment of the area as a whole, with segmented treatment within the individual sections as necessary to treat political or other categories within the area. The proposal was, therefore, disapproved.

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6. Dissemination of NIS Section 23

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[REDACTED] that NIS Sections 23 (Weather and Climate) on 18 NIS Areas be made available to them. The members were informed that the request would be referred to the Secretariat of the IAC in accordance with normal procedures outlined in IAC-D-45/12, and that it was being presented for the purpose of obtaining the NIS Committee position on the request which would be passed on to the IAC Secretariat. The members agreed to report the position of their respective agencies on this request at the next meeting.

7. NIS Production

The Committee was informed that only 3 sections had been received in D/B during the first half of September against specific commitments of 38 sections for the month. In addition, 49 sections are overdue from previous months. Attention was called to the fact that production requirements are progressively heavier from month to month during the balance of FY 1953, and members were asked to report on the production situation in their respective agencies.

Army reported that higher priority Departmental requirements resulted in some diversion of capabilities from NIS work, and that there had been some loss of capabilities through normal attrition. However, the expectation at this time is that Army will fulfill, substantially, its production commitments for this fiscal year.

State is in process of adjusting to the reduction in force program which is expected to have an adverse effect on the NIS production program. It is not possible as yet to estimate the extent to which production may be reduced as a result of these adjustments.

Navy capabilities remain at approximately the same level as during the past year and NIS production is expected to continue at the same high rate established during that year.

Air Force, which fulfilled its commitments 100% in FY 1953, expects to again meet its production commitments in full in FY 1954.

8. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.



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